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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Leo A. Whiteside**Group Art Unit:** 3738**Serial No.:** 09/595,352**Examiner:** Bruce E. Snow**Filed:** June 15, 2000**Docket No.:** WBC 7403U**For:** Acetabular Component With Improved Liner Seal and LockCommissioner for Patents
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3/13/02**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

1. Applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a one (1) month extension of time for response to the outstanding Official Action mailed November 6, 2001. The period for response was previously set to elapse February 6, 2002, and is accordingly hereby extended to March 6, 2002, which is still within the six month statutory period for response (35 U.S.C. §133) which elapses May 6, 2002. The reason for this petition is as follows:

- A response to the outstanding Official Action is being filed herewith.
- It is expected that a response to the outstanding Official Action will be filed within the extending period for response;
- A Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals (37 C.F.R. §1.1991) is being filed herewith;
- It is expected that a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals (37 C.F.R. §1.191) will be filed within the extended period for response;
- A Division, Continuation, or Continuation-In-Part is being filed, and it is desired to maintain the present application in pending condition pursuant

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